



GAME NOTES

Vernon Vipers
at
Wenatchee Wild

Friday April 5, 2019
7:05 pm



BCHL INTERIOR CONFERENCE FINAL – Game 5

Tonight the #3 seed Wenatchee Wild meet the #4 seed Vernon Vipers in Game 5 of the BCHL Interior Conference Finals.

HEAD TO HEAD (REG. SEASON): The Wild went 3-2-1 head-to-head with the Vipers in the regular season. Each team won twice on the road. All-time, Wenatchee is 11-5-1-1 against Vernon, and 4-2-2 at home. The Wild finished 7 points ahead of the Vipers this season.

THIS SERIES: In Game 1, Vernon escaped a Wild comeback, posting a 4-3 overtime win. The Wild evened the series with a 3-0 shutout win in Game 2 at home. Game 3 in Vernon was all Vipers with a 7-2 final, and Game 4 saw the Vipers blank Wenatchee 3-0 to take a 3-1 series lead.

POSTSEASON HISTORY: The two teams have met once in the postseason, and that was last season in the second round. Vernon won the first two games on home ice, and the Wild came back to win four straight, the last two coming in overtime.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Wild captain **Lucas Sowder** (9g, 13a) leads the Wild in scoring this postseason, while **Murphy Stratton** (4g, 12a) and **PJ Fletcher** (8g, 6a) rank in the top 10 league-wide. The Vipers are led by their captain, Jagger Williamson (4g, 11a), Jesse Lansdell (4g, 10a), Michael Young (6g, 7a), and Teddy Wooding (4g, 8a).

GOALTENDING: Veteran netminder **Austin Park** has an 8-4 postseason record, with a 2.99 GAA and .878 save percentage. Vipers goalie Aiden Porter is 11-5 in the playoffs, with a 2.29 GAA and .906 save percentage.

SPECIAL TEAMS:	WEN PP – 11/54	20.4%	6th	WEN PK – 7/40	82.5%	6th
(POSTSEASON)	VER PP – 9/42	21.4%	4th	VER PK – 7/51	86.3%	2nd

PLAYOFF PATH: Wenatchee advanced to the second round after defeating West Kelowna in seven games, and Cowichan Valley in six games. Vernon advanced by eliminating Salmon Arm in five games, and Trail in seven games.

MOVING ON: Tonight is a potential elimination game. If the Wild win, Game 6 will be played in Vernon on Sunday night. If Vernon wins tonight, the series is over and Vernon will advance to the Fred Page Cup Finals.

COASTAL CONFERENCE: The Coastal Conference Final series resulted in a sweep for the Prince George Spruce Kings, who are now 12-1 in the postseason. They await the winner of the Wenatchee / Vernon series for the Fred Page Cup Finals.

MEDIA: Tonight's game will be aired locally on "NewsRadio 560 KPQ" and streamed free world wide, and also available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

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